

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Communication mailed Oct. 7, 2004. The undersigned attorney has now been appointed to continue prosecution of this application, and a formal revocation of power of attorney will be submitted to the PTO shortly.

This response is substantially identical to the previous amendment submitted by Mr. Stephen Ackerman, except that claim 1 (in the listing of claims) is listed herein in its "original" form (as the amendment to claim 1 was never entered).

Also, as in the previous response, claim 17 is shown herein as "Currently Amended" to reflect a proper claim number of 17 (rather than 18). In the "marked up" version of the claims, Claim 17 in the Amendment filed May 24, 2001 was inadvertently highlighted as being claim 18, resulting in two claims 18. The incorrectly numbered claim 18 has been amended to a correctly numbered claim 17.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Change in Corresponding Attorney

A formal revocation of power of attorney should be submitted shortly. In the meantime, the undersigned respectfully requests that all correspondence be directed to his attention at the mailing address below (as the Applicant's file has already been transferred from Mr. Stephen Ackerman to the undersigned attorney).

Respectfully submitted,

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